



Docket No.: 826.1627

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Katsuhito FUJIMOTO et al.

Serial No. 09/669,663

Group Art Unit: 2622

Confirmation No. 4750

Filed: September 26, 2000

Examiner: Houshang Safaipoor

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BINARIZING A MULTILEVEL  
IMAGE

**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on July 22, 2005. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to August 22, 2005.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.